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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 10:30 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Barrett, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Lauwers made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 2, 2018. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the presentation from the Michigan Equine Economic Survey by Professor John Sheele before the committee.

Professor Emeritus John Sheelle, representing the Michigan Horse Industry, provided a presentation regarding the Equine Commission Proposal. Questions and discussion followed.

Jenifer Ross, representing the Ionia Horse Trail Association, submitted a card in opposition to the proposal, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of the proposal, but did not wish to speak:

Kathryn Glew, Inger Lanese, and Tammy Tyler, all representing the Michigan Horse Council.
Leanne Broder, representing the Mackinac 4-H Horse Club.
Ashley Day, representing the Mackinac Horseman's Association.
Linda Moore, representing herself.

Kristie Walls, representing the Ionia Horse Trails Association, testified in opposition to the proposal.

There being no additional business before the committee, Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:05 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

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